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‘Ceremonial Mace’ Height - 5’3” 1996

Porcelain, Bronze, Walnut, and Lacewood

Designed by Jacob Van Wyk

Wood staff and stand by Greg Hooyer

The ceremonial mace was commissioned by the college to be used at all official programs of convocation and commencement. Historically the mace is a symbol of academic authority and community and Dordt’s mace was unveiled at the inauguration of Dr. Zylstra as the third president of the college. The design incorporates the college seal, three flames, the trinity, the cross, a descending dove and a shepherd’s staff. The crown of the mace is made of porcelain, forming three flames arching over three Dordt seals cast in bronze. Its crown, and porcelain ferrules along the length of the staff are finished in airbrushed metallic stains, clear glaze, and gold luster trim. The wood staff is made of walnut, with turned and laminated sections faceted for the flame character of the wood grain. The stand is made entirely of laminated wood made from walnut and lacewood with some sections using up to 12 strips of wood. Special forms were made for each component of the stand, and the assembled piece is glued and secured with wood pegs.